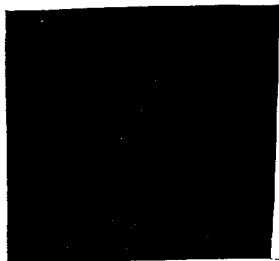


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4. HUNGARIAN "SILENT DEMONSTRATION" DURING REBURIAL OF EX-"TITOIST" RAJK

Comment on:



The attendance of 200,000 Hungarians at the reburial ceremony of Laszlo Rajk on 6 October was acclaimed by Budapest radio as a "silent demonstration" revealing an "inextinguishable hatred" for despotism and the personality cult.

Szabad Nep, the Communist Party daily, interpreted the demonstration as public support for de-Stalinization and liberalization policies and repledged itself to the new policies of moderation.

The Rajk reinterment apparently was designed to stimulate popular support for these policies and to help improve relations with Yugoslavia. Hungarian regime spokesmen, in condemning charges against Yugoslavia in the Rajk trial and other past slanders, have shown increasing admiration of Yugoslavia's independence.

Yugoslav editorial comment on the Rajk funeral is similar in tone to that of the Hungarian statements. Belgrade radio claimed on 7 October that the funeral revealed that the "new fresh tendencies" in Hungary are gaining ground and that it represents an additional obstacle to "any attempt to return to the old ways." Belgrade also indicated that some additional measures may be pending against Rakosi. According to the Belgrade editorial, the Hungarian assertion that "the guilty ones should be nailed to the column of shame" was aimed primarily at Rakosi. [REDACTED]

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